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Massa language

Massa (or **Masana**, **Masa**) is a Chadic language spoken in southern Chad and northern Cameroon by the Masa people. It has approximately 200,000 speakers.

Dialects are Bongor, Bugudum (Budugum), Domo, Gizay, Gumay, Ham, Walia, Wina (Viri), Yagwa.

Kim, a neighbouring language, was once misclassified as Masa.

Massa	
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Native to	Chad, Cameroon
Native speakers	(230,000 cited 1982–2006)[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Chadic ▪ Masa ▪ North ▪ **Massa**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`mcn`
Glottolog	`masa1322 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/masa1322)` Masana[2] `gize1234 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/gize1234)` Gizey[3] `hama1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/hama1241)` Ham[4]

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Phonology

Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Lateral	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	voiceless	p	t		tʃ	k	ʔ
	voiced	b	d		dʒ	g	
	implosive	ɓ	ɗ				
Fricative	voiceless	f	s	ɬ			h
	voiced	v	z	ɮ			ɦ
Nasal		m	n			ŋ	
Trill			r				
Approximant		w		l	j		

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i iː		u uː
Mid	e eː		o oː
Open		a aː	

[5]

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